

THE TOKEN HUNTER

N.U.T.S.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,
Here we are into November, a time to give thanks for all that we have and being sur-



rounded by family and friends. I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. I would like to take a moment and recognize the veterans that we have in our club and those who are currently serving our country to provide our freedom.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to last month's speakers, Jonny Player and his dad Jack. Their presentation



about bottles and the history of bottles

enhanced our knowledge and appreciation for these wonderful finds. This month we will be hearing from Bensen Moss. He will be talking about "Love Tokens". Bensen has a very large collection of Love Tokens that he has accumulated over the last



ten years. He is a member of the National Love Token Society. We look

forward to learning more about Love Tokens and their history from Bensen.



This next month we will be having our annual Christmas dinner. Lots of fun and prizes are included. Additional information is provided in this newsletter

about the when, where and the menu. Please plan on attending. We would like to ask if anyone has any coins, metals, tokens or other items that you would like to donate to use for prizes. We would be very grateful. Please contact either Eldon or myself if you are interested.



I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting this month. Keep searching for that gold coin, remember it's just around the corner.

Todd Monson
Address of a Love Token Society <http://lovetokenociety.110omb.com/>

Editor's Note

Get ready for the 2010 N.U.T.S. Medal Design Contest. Voting will take place in February. Start thinking of what you would like to design for our newest medal. You don't need to be an artist. A rough sketch will do. Make sure to have detail that explains your design.

We had 40 in attendance at our October Meeting. I love bottles and so I was really glad to hear about them. I learned how to use a probe to dig outhouses. I'm anxious to try it out. Another good place to search is to find where the garbage pile was around older homes.

Mary Farnsworth

INFORMATION

- > Meeting will be at 7 pm on November 19, 2009.
- > Location is at Columbus Community Center, 2531 South 400 East
- > Dedicated to the collecting, recording, and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins, and bottles

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Date- Thursday December 10

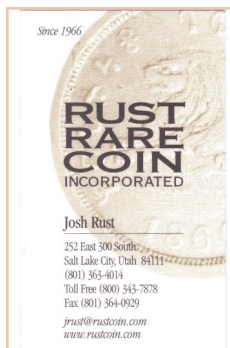
Time – Arrival at 6:30 PM – Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Cost - Adults \$16, Children (8 and under) \$6.50

Location – Columbus Community Center, 2531 South 400 East, SLC. Dinner will be served in the large conference room down the hall.

Menu – ‘Catering by Bryce’ “Sundried Tomato Chicken or Peppercorn Brisket of Beef” this includes salad, dinner role and a desert.

All meals must be preordered by Dec. 1st. You can pay Eldon Farnsworth at our November meeting or at the door on Dec. 10th. If you are not at our November meeting and plan to attend please notify Eldon via phone or email by December 1st



Maryland Penny sold for \$41,000 at Auction

“I don't want to find a gold coin. I wish I could find one of those rare coins that you don't see everyday.”

Audie and I have been detecting together for over 15 years as good friends and best buddies. If I had a good day and he didn't, I would make sure he did. He's always done the same for me, and we've always shared artifacts.

Earlier this year we were given permission to detect some new grounds and we spent a pretty good part of the day there with not much luck. We decided to leave and spend the last part of the day in a crop field that we've been searching for years. We've found some colonial artifacts and coins there in the past, and it was always worth another try. But that day, finds were few and far between. Just as we were ready to call it a day Audie got a nice signal on his metal detector. As he was digging I had walked up to him and ask him what he had. He said it looks like another flat button. So he tossed it to me to check out as he covered his hole. I

could see that it was a colonial coin but it was one that I haven't seen before. I tossed it back to him, he stuck it in his pocket, and we headed to the truck thinking it was just one of those days.

On our way home I had mentioned to Audie that I would love to find a gold coin one day. His response was “I don't want to find a gold coin. I wish I could find one of those rare coins that you don't see everyday.” We laughed it off and went on to other conversations. When we got home he stayed for dinner and we cleaned the day's finds. We had a few buckles and buttons - not too bad. As we were relaxing and talking about our next trip out he went over to my book shelf and pulled out the Red Book of coins and started looking for the coin that he had found. Low and behold, there it was. A Maryland Penny - a “Lord Baltimore” only the 7th one known to exist, and extremely

rare.

It was a great feeling to find out that his wish had come true. We have never sold anything that we have found but this was like a winning lottery ticket. We were told to contact Stack in New York and the rest is history. It closed at auction at \$36,000.00 and after the buyers fees it sold for over \$41,000.00. Not a bad day of metal detecting. We were asked not to tell where we found it because the land owner doesn't want a lot of people all over his field. We have exclusive permission to hunt there and are welcome to come back anytime. We've been back several times and gone over the area with a fine tooth comb but only found small bits of scrap lead. It was a once in a life time find and I'm glad to be a part of it. We started celebrating by buying two Minelab SE metal detectors from Bonnie at Kellyco. And we still aren't coin experts, but are still best buddies. Stan



Find of the Month Winners

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Johnny Player, Mel Milgrom, Todd Monson, Leo Vera, Johnny Gallegos

WINNERS:

Johnny Player: Oldest U.S. Cent and Bottle

Todd Monson: Artifact, Button, Key

Leo Vera: Foreign Coin

Mel Milgrom: Oldest U.S. Coin, U.S. Coin, Jewelry, Non-Metal

Johnny Gallegos: Token & Marble

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2010 N.U.T.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

2010 Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the Month.
With August, November and December to be determined.

Meetings are at the Columbus Community Center
2531 South 400 East
Salt Lake City, Utah

Name (Please include all names for family membership)

Names

Address

EMAIL Address

Phone (Please include home and cell numbers AND AREA CODE)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Method of Payment

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INTERESTS:

OCTOBER PHOTOS



James Staker, Don Swain, Bill Turpela

Class Clowns Eldon Farnsworth and Todd Monson



Leo Vera and Boyd Pickering

Promptness Prize Winner



Linda LaVorgna



Doug Ellerman, Brandon Phillips, Boyd Pickering,
Neil Phillips, Terry Wright

Our Speakers



Jack and Johnny Player



Front 2 rows L to R: Steve Ratcliffe, Danny Ratcliffe, Irv
Ratcliffe, Boyd Pickering, Cliff Fausett



Mel Milgrom and visitor Leland Bowers

Ramona Magpie and Mary Erickson



L to R: Mary & Wayne Erickson, Bill Glo-
dowski, Bill Turpela, Chris Benson, Alan Staker

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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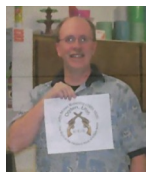
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Salt Lake Temple	1970 Brass	ANA Money Show	2001 Brass
Salt Lake Temple	1970 Brass	Arches National Park	2004 Silver
Lucin Cut Off	1973 Copper	Arches National Park	2004 Brass
Lucin Cut Off	1973 Silver	Arches National Park	2004 Copper
Bingham Canyon	1975 Silver Toned	509th Comp.	2005 Silver
Copper Mine		Hogle Zoo	2006 Copper
Pony Express	1985 Pewter or Silver?	Hogle Zoo	2006 Brass
8th ANA Show	1986 Pewter or Silver?	Hogle Zoo	2006 Silver
8th ANA Show	1986 Pewter or Silver?	AB Jenkins	2006 Silver
10th Anniversary	1992 Brass	AB Jenkins	2006 Copper
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USS Utah	1995 Brass	Browning	2009 Copper
Utah Centennial	1996 Copper	Rainbow Bridge	? Brass
Faith in Every Footstep	1997 Copper	Rainbow Bridge	? Copper
Philo T Farnsworth	1998 Pewter or Silver?	This Is The Place	? Pewter or Silver?
U of U	2000 Copper	Joy To The World	? Copper
Utah Territory	2000 Copper	The First Noel	? Copper
ANA Money Show	2001 Copper	Utah State Capitol	? Copper
ANA Money Show	2001 Silver	Utah State Capitol	? Copper
ANA Money Show	2001 Pewter or Silver?	Utah State Capitol	? Brass
		Utah State Capitol	? Brass

We're on the Web:
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 Webmaster: Johnny
 Gallegos



Our Webmaster, Johnny Gallegos, had the winning design in the 2009 N.U.T.S. Medal Design Contest.

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BOTTLE BASICS

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How to Tell the Age of a Bottle: Lips

Beginning collectors often wonder how to tell the age of a particular bottle. One of the most important clues to the age of a bottle is the style of the lip. In the picture below are shown a number of lip styles common during the last century.

Lips of Nineteenth Century Bottles



All of the above lips were applied to the neck of the bottle after it was removed from the mold. A hot piece of glass was applied to the neck and then hand tooled to the proper shape. The lips of bottles made before 1870 were often crudely applied and careful examination shows these irregularities. Sometime around 1880 it became common practice to tool the lips with a lipping tool, an object which fit one piece into the opening of the neck while two other pieces clamped on the outside of the applied band of glass.

Then with a twisting motion, the top was uniformly shaped. Bottles produced during the last twenty years of the last century will show evidence of this twisting motion which left faint concentric rings around the mouth and upper part of the neck. This motion also erased the mold seam in the process. This is shown in the picture below on a bottle made sometime between 1890 and 1910. The lip, a round band, was finished with a lipping tool which erased the mold seam and left its tell tale concentric rings. Earlier bottles, those made before 1870, will not show these rings and lip may be more crudely applied with some drippy areas under the applied band. When the mold seam stops before the top of the bottle then the bottle is said to have been hand finished.

How to Tell the Age of a Bottle: Bases

Looking at the base of a bottle is also helpful in determining the age. Most bottles made before 1858 will have a "pontil" mark. This mark was left when the "punty rod" was snapped off the bottom of the bottle. The punty rod was used to hold the hot formed while the lip was formed and finished.

The punty rod was dipped into hot glass and attached to the base of the bottle by one of the helpers. The glassblower then formed the lip in the appropriate style and the punty rod was broken off. In the picture are samples of the most common types of "pontil marks". Larger bottles and especially soda bottles made between 1840 and 1855 have pontil marks. Most bottles dating before 1855 will have an open pontil. There are several types of open or pontil marks but the key is the presence of a rough area on the base.

THE OPEN PONTIL IS MORE COMMON THAN IRON PONTIL.



A BROWN OR REDDISH RESIDUE WAS LEFT EMBEDDED IN THE GLASS WHEN THE BOTTLE WAS IRON PONTILED.

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1. What two items does a heraldic angel typically hold in its talons when shown on the back of a U.S. coin?
2. Which U.S. Mint does the "W" mint mark on coins refer to?
3. What famous American icon appears on the back of the Presidential dollars?
4. In what year did the United States issue its postage stamps?
5. What was unusual about the 4 cent Project Mercury stamp issued February 20, 1962?
6. When was the Elvis Presley stamp (the most popular stamp in the U.S. history) issued?

1. An olive branch (symbolizing peace) and arrows (symbolizing defense.)
2. West Point
3. The Statue of Liberty
4. 1847

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